GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN FUNCTIONING OF FCI
Mollah Shri Hannan

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for improving the functioning of Food Corporation of India(FCI) in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of West Bengal has sent any proposal to the Union Government regarding procurement by FCI;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The State Government of West Bengal has suggested expansion of the existing storage infrastructure of FCI in the State. The State Government has also suggested that the FCI may go in for procurement of paddy directly from the producers.

(e): The FCI has taken action to make necessary storage space available for receiving the procured rice in the State. While the State Government would procure about 5 lakh MTs of paddy, the FCI would take up procurement of about 7 lakh MTs of levy rice.